

COUNCIL WRAP UP

FROM MAYOR LEWIS



SPELLMAN AMPHITHEATER CONTRACT AMENDMENT

City Council approved an amendment to the current Spellman Amphitheater management contract. By the end of 2021, the company will have garnered 6 national-level acts and will assist our City staff with the New Year's Eve Ball Drop in downtown Forney. In 2022, the residents can now expect 9 performances. The artists have not yet been identified but expect more high-level talent coming to the stage at Forney Community Park.

RIDGECREST & FM 548 DEVELOPMENT

The intersection of FM 548 & Ridgcrest Rd. is one of many locations experiencing traffic jams. City Council last night approved an agreement that would develop the property due east of FM 548/ behind AMC Theater (already zoned light industrial) to include an extension of Ridgcrest Road from this FM 548 intersection to Reeder Road alongside warehouses. This new road is expected to expand capacity and driving options for residents traveling east/ west in addition to the light industrial traffic. Expectations are high for this project to relieve FM 548 backlogs until FM 548 itself is expanded.

POLICE CHIEF SEARCH UPDATE

More information was presented on the new police search. Dr. Theron Bowman gave a high-level overview of the search process which includes communication engagements among our citizens, City leadership, and the police staff themselves. Surveys to both the public and police will be conducted followed by various panels and interviews with the semifinalists. The entire process should take 17-23 weeks. His presentation can be watched [here](#).

COMPENSATION STUDY

Compensation studies are generally performed every 5 years, and Forney's last study was completed in 2016. The City of Forney hired Public Sector Personnel Consultants to do classification and salary reviews. The company's goal is to have Forney similar to its comparative markets. They will evaluate our current 70-80 job descriptions and perform market comparison on multiple levels to recommend where we need to be for both our current and future employees. This affects both retention and recruitment. The study should be complete by the Spring of 2022.

FORNEY HOLIDAY FESTIVITIES

Our annual Bell Park Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony will be on December 2nd. The tree lighting will take place in Bell Park this year at 6 p.m. We invite everyone to come out and help kick-off the holiday season. The City is also excited to announce that "Christmas on Main", the City's premier holiday event, is coming back to Historic Downtown Forney on December 4th from noon to 6 p.m. This FREE holiday event will have holiday vendors, food, games, activities, and more. For more information, residents can go to forneytx.gov/christmasonmain

The next Forney City Council Meeting will be on December 7th. Watch live at forneytx.gov